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REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS

REF: A. USUN 1593, B. USUN 1642, C. STATE 092476

1. SUMMARY, US RES DESIGNED TO FOCUS UN ATTENTION ON SOCIAL IN-
DICATORS AS USEFUL TOOL FOR NATIONAL PLANNING PURPOSES AND TO RE-
QUEST SYG TO SUMMARIZE AND REPORT ON WORK BEING CARRIED ON IN THIS
FILED PASSED BY CONSENSUS MAY 6 IN ECOSOC SOCIAL COMITE. SOME
ESSENTIALLY TANGENTIAL AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY POLAND AND ACCEPTED
BY US DEL IN ORDER ACHIEVE CONSENSUS DO NOT MATERIALLY AFFECT
MAIN THRUST OF RES. IN VIEW THIS ECOSOC ACTION DEPT REQUESTED
DISPATCH TO INTERESTED EMBASSIES TELEGRAM ON SUBJECT OF
SOCIAL INDICATORS SUBMITTED EARLIER BY USUN TO IO.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON MONDAY 6 MAY US REP INTRODUCED AMENDED TEXT OF ORIGINAL
RES REPORTED REFTEL (A) WHICH INCORPORATED SUGGESTIONS BY EGYPT,
JAMAICA, ITALY, BRAZIL, THE LAST NAMED SPEAKING ALSO FOR ARGEN-
TINA AND PAKISTAN. THESE REVISIONS HELPED OBTAIN THEIR LARGELY
TACIT SUPPORT WITHOUT MATERIALLY CHANGING ORIGINAL RES. REVISED
TEXT, DISTRIBUTED AS E/AC. 7/L.666/REV.1, WAS SPONSORED ONLY BY
BY US. CONSULTATIONS WITH POLISH DEL, WHICH SPEARHEADED SOVIET
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BLOC ATTACK ON RES BY INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE DE-

LETED MOST SIGNIFICANT PREAMBULAR AND OP PARAS (REF (B)), RESULTED IN ADDING PHRASE "AS WELL AS PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS" AT END OF SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA AND ADDING MODIFIED POLISH PREAMBULAR PARAS AS NEW PREAMBULAR PARA 5 AND 6, WHILE STILL RETAINING OUR KEY PREAMBULAR PARA 4 PER REF (B).

3. US REP (PICKER) ANNOUNCED US INABILITY TO ACCEPT POLISH OP PARAS BECAUSE THEY WOULD CHANGE ENTIRE THRUST OF US DRAFT. SHE EXPLAINED THAT, MOREOVER, THEY WOULD MAKE REQUESTS OF SYG THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE IN RES 2543(XXIV) THREE YEARS AGO AND ON WHICH THE SECT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH VIEW TO MAKING ITS REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT TO COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD) IN JANUARY 1975. IN ADDITION SHE POINTED OUT THAT ECOSOC WAS ALREADY ON RECORD IN RES 1746(LIV) AS URGING STATES TO PROMOTE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT AND "TO CONTINUE STUDY OF NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN CARRYING OUT FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE FOR PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS.

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DOROTHY WALTERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES (CDPPP) IN SECT MADE EXCELLENT STATEMENT FROM PODIUM DEMONSTRATING IN DETAIL HOW REDUNDANT POLISH REQUEST WAS.

4. WHILE COMPROMISE REACHED WITH POLISH DEL RESULTS IN RES THAT AWKWARDLY COMBINES TWO QUITE DIFFERENT IDEAS, US DEL COMPLETELY OBTAINED ITS OBJECTIVE WHILE ADDITIONAL OP PARA INSERTED BY POLAND MERELY REITERATES SUPERFLUOUS REQUEST TO "MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON MEASURES TAKEN, ETC." REMAINDER OF PARA AS REPORTED REFTEL(B). WORDS, "WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO" WERE OFFERED FROM FLOOR AND REPRESENTATIVE'S REALIZATION THAT THIS REQUEST IS OF LOG STANDING.

5. COMMENT. IN US REP'S OPINION SUCCESS IN OBTAINING PASSAGE OF RES ON SUBJECT OF SOCIAL INDICATORS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY CLOSE SUPPORT OF US REP'S INITIATIVE BY DEPT, USUN AND SECT'S CDPPP. THANKS TO FOREGOING US DEL WAS ABLE FORESTALL SOVDEL S.N. SMIRNOV'S THREAT EARLY IN DEBATE THAT HE WOULD KILL RES BY HANGING AMENDMENTS ON IT WHICH HE WOULD RAM THROUGH WITH LDC SUPPORT. MORE IMPORTANTLY ADOPTION OF RES BY CONSENSUS NOW ENABLES SECT TO PLAY USEFUL COORDINATING ROLE IN BRINGING TOGETHER WORK BEING DONE ON SOCIAL INDICATORS. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. IN VIEW PASSAGE OF RES BY CONSENSUS REQUEST DEPT SEND INTERESTED EMBASSIES TELEGRAM ON SOCIAL INDICATORS.
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